



Albert Street,  
BRIDGWATER

April, 1952.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Bridgwater Port Health Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ending  
31st December, 1951.

The health of the Port has been satisfactory throughout  
the year.

Treatment of venereal diseases is obtainable at the  
Clinic in Bridgwater, and details of these arrangements and  
also the facilities available at all Bristol Channel ports,  
are displayed in prominent positions throughout the area of  
the port.

The Port Health Inspector's Report is appended, together  
with statistics of the shipping using the Port.

Port Medical Officer.



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I beg to submit my report for the year ending  
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There was an increase of coastwise shipping using the  
Port during the year under review. Nineteen foreign ships  
called at the Port, as compared with nine during 1950. The  
inspections carried out have not revealed any serious defects.  
No rats were found on any vessel.

R. K. LEAN,

Port Health Inspector.

1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR 1951

TABLE A

	No.	Tonnage	No. Inspected by the		No. report- ed to be defec- tive	No. of vessels on which defects were remed'd	No. of vessels reported as having had infectious disease on board dur'g voyage.
			Medical Officer of Health	Port Health Inspector			
FOREIGN	Steamer	1	246	-	1	-	-
	Motor	18	3,788	2	18	-	-
	Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FOREIGN</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>4,034</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>COASTWISE</b>							
	Steamer	404	40,248	-	26	2	2
	Motor	66	6,056	-	26	1	1
	Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL COASTWISE</b>		<b>470</b>	<b>46,304</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>



## II CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

### TABLE B

- (a) Passenger Traffic - Only one passenger was landed during the year.
- (b) Cargo Traffic
  - Principal Imports - Coal, Flour, Sand, Timber and Dried Milk.
  - Principal Exports - Bricks and Tiles.
- (c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrived - Rotterdam, Gefle, Kotka, Skutskar, Skoghall and Walkon.

## III WATER SUPPLY

- (1) Source of supply for the Port and shipping is the Bridgwater Corporation supply.
- (2) Hydrants and hosepipes are inspected as to their sanitary condition.
- (3) There are no water boats in the Port.

## IV PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933 AND 1945.

- (1) The Declarations of Health are handed to the Captain on arrival, completed and returned to the Port Health Inspector.
- (2) All vessels from foreign ports are boarded by the Port Health Inspector immediately on arrival.
- (3) The Customs Officer notifies the Port Medical Officer of the times of arrival of all vessels from foreign ports.
- (4) Mooring stations designated under Article 10 are:-
  - (a) The Northside of the Bridgwater Dock.
  - (b) The vessels will be breasted off the quay, with gangways off, at the place of mooring.
- (5) Standind exemptions issued to:-
  - (a) Vessels unhealthy by reason of minor infectious diseases on board, e.g. Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis and Pneumonia.
  - (b) Vessels otherwise clean which have arrived from a listed port in an infectious area.
- (6) No experience.



(7) (a) None.  
(b) Carried out under the supervision of the Port Health Inspector.  
(c) None.  
(d) Cases of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, by arrangement with the South West Regional Hospital Board. Cases of Small Pox at Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol. Cases of other infectious diseases, Taunton Isolation Hospital  
(e) The County Council's Motor Ambulance is available at the Isolation Hospital.  
(f) Supervision of contacts carried out by the Port Medical Officer.

(8)&(9) By the Somerset County Council Laboratory at Taunton.

(10) Treatment of Venereal Diseases carried out at the Health Centre, Mount Street, Bridgwater. Particulars of Treatment Centres available in the Bristol Channel Ports are displayed at all wharves and docks.

(11) By arrangement with the Bridgwater Borough Council.

(12) None.

TABLE C.

No cases of infectious diseases were landed during 1951.

TABLE D

No cases reported.

V MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

All ships are inspected for the presence of rats; treatment of the buildings in the Dock Area is carried out as found necessary.

Treatments are carried out by the Bridgwater Borough Rodent Operators.

TABLE E

(1) On Vessels

No rats were found on vessels



TABLE F

(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

No. of Rats	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in year
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown	24	-	16	20	-	-	14	-	-	-	24	-	94
Examined	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE G

No action necessary.

TABLE J

CLASSIFICATION OF NUISANCES

Nationality of Vessel	No. inspected during 1951	Defect of original constructions	Structural defects through wear & tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British	45	-	-	2
Foreign	26	-	1	-

VII FOOD INSPECTIONS

- (1) No action under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937, as the small quantity of foodstuffs landed had been transhipped from another port, where inspection had been carried out.
- (2) There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority.
- (3) No samples of food examined.

